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OPEN NEW LIGHT INDUSTRY INSTALLATIONS

In October a large factory for making prefabricated houses, the only one of its kind in the Balkans, will be put into operation at Zavidovici. The construction of the factory began in May 1948.

The large buildings, which occupy several thousand square meters, are now being equipped with modern machinery. Boilers are being installed in the factory's power plant. The machinery for the machine shop where windows, doors, and kitchen equipment will be made is already in place. Machinery for making parquetry will be installed soon. Work is being completed on the room where heracelite sheets, the principal material used for the walls of prefabricated houses, will be made. There will be a separate section where finished windows and doors will be mounted, as well as a special paint shop.

All parts of prefabricated houses will be produced serially.

Each prefabricated house will have a kitchen, furnished with equipment to be produced in this factory, three rooms with built-in furniture, and a bathroom.

The new factory will be capable of producing four houses per day. Not more than one or 2 days will be necessary for putting up one of these prefabricated houses on any kind of terrain. The plan calls for the production of 150 prefabricated houses here in 1949.

FOOD INDUSTRY TO ADD NEW COMBINE -- Rad, No 208, 1 Sep 49

One of the largest and most modern food-industry combines in Yugoslavia is under construction near Zrenjanin. Most of the machinery and other necessary equipment will be made in Yugoslav factories. The combine will be in operation by the end of 1950.

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The combine will process sugar beets and corn and manufacture oil from corn germ on a large scale. High-grade livestock feed will be prepared from the corn and sugar-beet waste.

Two sections of the factory building and a large grain elevator with a capacity of 9,000 tons of corn have already been built. Another grain elevator is called for in the plan. Storehouses for stock feed, a sugar warehouse, a soaking plant, and other installations have been built. A power plant now under construction will supply electricity to the combines and also electrify several towns and nearby villages.

Since May 1949, this combine has been a priority project. Work has been proceeding more rapidly since then, despite a shortage of building materials resulting from the failure of the lumbering and wood-processing enterprises to meet their quotas.

DRY BRICK PRESS INVENTED -- Borba, No 227, 24 Sep 49

A new and simple machine for the production of dry bricks has been invented at the "Tito" Metal Products Factory near Skoplje. It will be put into operation very soon, producing bricks by the new waterless method.

Brick production is a simple procedure with this machine. Two workers cut the clay and throw it into a long vat in which it is crumbled. From there it falls into molds and is pounded into them. When the molds are turned upside down, the finished bricks fall out upon a rubberized canvas which keeps the bricks in constant motion and sorts them. Bricks made in this way can be taken to the kilns at once, without pre-drying.

The new machine can operate throughout the winter. It does the work of 150 workers. In one 8-hour shift it can produce 16,000 bricks, and later, when it has been perfected according to its inventor's plans, it will produce three times more.

The machine can operate for 24 hours without interruption. The machine costs only about one tenth of the price of imported brick presses.

The new machine will be serially produced in Yugoslav metal products factories. Eventually, all the larger construction enterprises will be able, with its use, to produce bricks on the actual building site.

MODERN HEMP FACTORY OPENED -- Borba, No 222, 18 Sep 49

The hemp factory in Sombor, the most modern in Serbia, has begun operation. Most of the equipment was made in Yugoslav factories and installed by Yugoslav workers.

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